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6. The method of claim 2 in which the bonus items are represented as five numbered items. The set of numbers from which the value of the bonus items are assigned is also used to assign a unique numerical value to each card.

7. The method of claim 4 in which the bonus items are represented as a secondary hand of cards.

8. The method of claim 4 in which the bonus items are represented as five numbered items. The set of numbers from which the value of the bonus items are assigned is also used to assign a unique numerical value to each card.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A player is dealt a hand of cards, and bonus items. The bonus items are unique, each one corresponding to a unique card or unique set of cards in the deck from which the player's hand was drawn. The player may discard cards and receive new cards, resulting in a final hand, as in a normal poker game. In addition to the normal poker hand evaluation, this final hand is evaluated for any bonus winnings based on the bonus items. Additional winnings are awarded depending upon the number of bonus items that match the player's final hand. In another variation, multiple players compete against each other in an attempt to be the first player to match or "qualify" all of a common set of bonus items. As the bonus items are qualified, winnings are paid into a common bank. The first player to qualify all bonus items is awarded the contents of the bank.